

NRUC CORPORATION

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

June 8, 1989

Interstate Commerce Commission 12th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC. 20423

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Attn: Ms. M. Lee - Room 2303

Dear Ms. Lee:

Enclosed herewith are one (1) original and two (2) copies of documents, described below, to be recorded pursuant to Section 11303 of Title 49 of the U.S. Code.

These documents are a Lease Agreement between NRUC Corporation (Lessor) existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina and Seminole Gulf Railway (Lessee) a Limited Partnership with corporate offices at:

Lessor:

NRUC Corporation

100 North Twentieth Street

Second Floor

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

19103

and

Lessee

Seminole Gulf Railway 420 Bedford Street Lexington, Massachusetts 02173

A fee of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) is enclosed. Please return one (1) original and one (1) copy of this Lease Agreement with the recordation certification data stamped thereon to my attention at the above address.

Sincerely,

Roland A. McKee

Director of Marketing

NRUC Corporation

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AGREEMENT made and entered into this First day of June. 1988, between NRUC CORPORATION (Lesson) A South Carolina corporation, (hereinafter called "NRUC"), and Seminole end Gulf Rail L.P. (Lessee) a Florida Corporation, (hereinafter called "SGLR").

RECITALS

Lessee desires to lease from NRUC as Lessor certain railroad cars, hereinafter specifically designated, all upon the rentals and terms and conditions set forth in this Lease.

AGREEMENT

It is Agreed:

- INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION 1. Lease of Cars. NRUC agrees to Lease and Lesses agrees to and does hereby lease from NRUC that number of railroad cars, of the type, construction and such other description (hereinafter referred to as the "Cars") as is set forth in Exhibit "A" and Exhibit B attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof. The Cars covered by this Lease are those which shall be delivered to and accepted by Lessee pursuant to Paragraphs 2 and 3 hereof. The Lease shall become effective as to any Car immediately upon its acceptance pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof.
- Delivery of Cars. NRUC shall deliver the Cars as promptly as is reasonably possible from time to time in groups of not less than two (2). NRUC shall not be responsible for failure to deliver or delay in delivering Cars due to casualties and contingencies beyond its direct control, such as, but not limited to, labor difficulties, fire, delays and defaults of carriers;

provided, however, that in no event shall be be obligated to accept delivery of Cars after January 31, 1989. Initial delivery shall be f.o.t. Pickens Repair_Facility, Pickens, S.C.

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Thereafter, Lessee shall be liable for, and shall pay or reimburse NRUC for the payment of, all costs, charges and expenses of any kind whatsoever on account of or relating to switching, demurrage, detention, storage, transportation or movement of Cars, including specifically, but not exclusively, freight and switching charges for movement to and from NRUC's locations where some or all the Cars may be located as specified above.

nereunder shall be in satisfactory condition for movement in the normal interchange of rail traffic and shall otherwise comply with the description and/or specifications contained in Exhibit "A" and Exhibit B; but Lessee shall be solely responsible for determining that Cars are in proper condition for loading and shipment. Within five (5) days after NRUC shall give Lessee notice that some or all Cars are ready for delivery, Lessee may have its authorized representative inspect such Cars at the point of delivery and accept or reject them as to condition. Cars so inspected and any Cars which Lessee does not elect to inspect shall be conclusively deemed to meet all requirements of this Lease and any differences or discrepancies from specified condition, construction, type, equipment, or otherwise, are thereby waived by Lessee without further act on its part. Lessee

shall, issue and deliver to NRUC with respect to all Cars accepted as or deemed hereunder to meet the requirements of this Lease, a Certificate of Imspection and Acceptance in the form and text attached hereto as Exhibit 'B" and by this reference made a part hereof.

- 4. Use and Possession. Throughout the continuance of this Lease, so long as Lessee is not in default hereunder, Lessee shall be entitled to possession of each Car from the date the Lease becomes effective as to each Car and may use such Car,
 - (a) on its own property or lines; and
 - (b) upon the lines of any railroad or other person, firm or corporation in the usual interchange of traffic for such compensation as Lessee may determine or as may be required by the then current Code of Rules Governing the Condition of, and Repairs to, Freight and Passenger Cars for the interchange of traffic adopted by the Association of American Railroads (hereinafter called the "Interchange Rules") but at all times subject to the terms and conditions of this Lease,

provided, however, that at all times the Cars shall be used only in the United States of America or in Canada solely for the uses for which they were designed.

5. Term. Subject to the purchase option contained in

Paragraph 27, this lease agreement shall be for a term of three (3) years, the first of which shall commence on the dates indicated on Exhibit 'A" and "B," the "Commencement Date" and the last of which shall terminate at the expiration of the third lease year. All of the terms and provisions of this lease agreement shall apply and be in full force and effect with respect to cars accepted by Lessee prior to the Commencement Date.

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- 6. <u>Termination Date</u>. After delivery of the last Car, NRUC shall confirm to Lessee the Commencement Date and the date of expiration or the original term set forth in Paragraph 5 hereof.
- 7. <u>Rental</u>. Lessee shall pay to NRUC as rental \$79.89 per month per car.
- 7.1 <u>Interim Rental</u>. Lessee shall pay to NRUC interim rental of \$79.89 per month per car or a portion thereof up to the Commencement Date list on Exhibits "A" and "B."
- 8. <u>Payment</u>. Lessee shall make payment of all sums due hereunder to Lessor (NRUC) at:

NRUC Corporation
PICKENS RAILROAD
402 CEDAR ROCK STREET
PICKENS, SC. 29671

8.1 All amounts payable under paragraphs 7 and 7.1 will be remitted by (a) wire transfer in immediately available funds to the Lessee on the date due, or (b) regular U.S. Mail service if received by Lessor at least two banking days prior to date due. Late payment charges will be assessed by Lessor and

Lessee at a rate of 1.5% interest per month, pro rata on a daily basis.

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- 9. <u>Title</u>. The Lessee shall not by reason of this lease or any action taken hereunder acquire or have any right or title in the cars except the rights herein expressly granted to it as Lessee.
- of this Lease, promptly and with due diligence, keep and maintain the Cars in good working order and repair (ordinary wear and tear excepted) and make all replacements, changes or additions to the Cars or their equipment and appliances to the extent necessary or required from time to time,
 - (a) by the Interchange Rules; and
 - (b) by applicable laws and regulations of any state or governmental body, including specifically but not exclusively, the Interstate Commerce Commission.
- 11. Taxes and Other Levies. Lessee shall promptly pay all taxes, assessments and other governmental charges, including sales, use or ad valorem taxes levied or assessed during the continuance of this Lease upon the Cars or the interest of the Lessee therein, or upon the use or operation thereof or the earnings arising therefrom, and if any levy or assessment is made against NRUC on account of any of the foregoing matters or on account of its ownership of the Cars, exclusive, however, of any taxes on the rentals herein provided or the net income of NRUC therefrom (except any such tax on rentals which is in

substitution for, or relieves the Lessee from the payment of taxes which it would otherwise be obligated to day or reimburse as hereinbefore provided). Lessee will promptly pay or reimburse NRUC for same; but the Lessee snall not be required to pay the same so long as it shall in good faith and by appropriate legal or administrative proceedings contest the validity or amount thereof or administrative proceedings contest the rights or interests of NRUC in and to the Cars will be materially endangered. In the event any tax reports are required to be made on the basis of individual Cars, the Lessee will make such reports in such manner as to show the ownership of such Cars or will notify NRUC of such requirements and will make such report in such manner as shall be satisfactory to NRUC.

- encumbrances or liens, which may be a cloud upon or otherwise affect the Cars title which arise out of any suit involving Lessee, or any act, omission or failure of Lessee or Lessee's failure to comply with the provisions of this Lease, and shall promptly discharge any such lien, encumbrance or legal process, except such as are permitted by NRUC under Paragraph 11 hereof.
- 13. Indemnity. Lessee agrees to indemnify NRUC and save it harmless from any charge, loss, claim, suit, expense or liability which NRUC may suffer or incur and which arise in connection with the use or operation of a Car or Cars while subject to this Lease.

14. Warranty - Representations. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 3, NRUC makes no warranty or representation of any kind whatsoever, either express or implied as to any matter whatsoever, including specifically but not exclusively, fitness, design, workmanship, condition or quality of the Cars or parts thereof which Cars have been accepted by Lessee hereunder, and NRUC shall have no liability nereunder for damages of any kind, including specifically but not exclusively, special, indirect, incidental, or consequential on account of any matter which would otherwise constitute a breach of warranty or representation.

- 14.1 "Representations and Warrenties of Lessee".

 Lessee represents and warrants as follows:
 - (a) Lessee is a corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the State

 DFLAWARE of FLORIDA with full corporate power and authority to own its properties and to carry on its business as presently conducted and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Lease;
 - (b) This Lease has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by Lessee and constitutes a legal and valid agreement binding upon Lessee and enforceable in accordance with its terms;
 - (c) No approval is required from any public regulatory body with respect to the entering into or performance of this Lease by Lessee,

- or if any such approval is required, it has been properly obtained;
- (d) The entering into and performance of this

 Lease will not result in any breach of, or

 constitute a default under any indenture,

 mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit or

 other agreement or instrument to which Lessee

 is a party or by which it may be bound or

 contravene any provision of law, statute,

 rule or any judgment, decree, franchise,

 order or permit applicable to Lessee.
- (e) There are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of Lessee, threatened against Lessee or its properties or affecting this Lease or the transactions contemplated hereby which could, if adversely determined, materially and adversely affect the carrying out of such transactions."
- 15. Car Marking. Each Car upon delivery will be distinctly, permanently and conspicuously marked in stencil with one of the reporting numbers and marks specified in Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" and with a legend on each side in letters not less than three-quarter inches (3/4") in height:

Title to this Car subject to documents recorded under Section 11303 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

- 16. <u>Inspection = Inventory</u> During the continuance of this Lease, NRUC shall have the right, at its own cost and expense, to inspect the Cars at any reasonable time or times wherever the Cars may be. Lessee shall, upon request of NRUC, but no more than once every year, furnish to NRUC two (2) copies of an accurate inventory of all Cars in service.
- 17. Loss, Theft or Destruction of Cars. In the event any Car is lost or stolen or is destroyed or damaged beyond economical repair, Lessee shall promptly and fully inform NRUC of such occurrence. If, upon the occurrence of such event, NRUC does not receive payment for such Car pursuant to the Interchange Rules, because same are not applicable or otherwise, Lessee shall upon demand by NRUC promptly make payment to NRUC in the same amount as provided in such Interchange Rules where applicable to the occurrence of such event for like Cars. Lessee shall cooperate with NRUC and take any and all action required to assist and enable NRUC to receive such payment directly from any handling line or other person, firm or corporation bound to make payment under Interchange Rules. If NRUC elects, Lessee will return such damaged or destroyed Cars to NRUC may either on wheels or in cars on such point on Lessee's line as NRUC may designate. This Lease shall continue in full force and effect irrespective of the cause, place or extent of any damage, loss or destruction of any of the Cars; provided, however, that this Lease shall terminate with respect to any Car which is lost, stolen or destroyed or damaged beyond repair on the date NRUC

. Shall receive all amounts and things required on account of such . . Car under this Paragraph 17.

- 18. Return of Cars. Upon the expiration or upon the termination of this Lease with respect to any Car (other than pursuant to Paragraph 17 thereof), Lessee shall at its own cost and expense.
 - (a) forthwith surrender possession of such Car to NRUC in the condition required by Paragraph 10 hereof by delivering same to NRUC at such point as NRUC may direct within the continental United States; and
 - (b) if NRUC shall so request by written notice delivered prior to surrender of possession of such Car as above provided, Lessee will provide suitable storage for such Car for a period of ninety (90) days at no cost to NRUC from the date of expiration or termination and inform NRUC of the places of storage and the reporting number of the Cars there stored.

Delivery in storage shall constitute delivery of possession for the purpose of this Paragraph 18 and such storage shall be at the risk of NRUC. Upon termination of the storage period or upon request of NRUC prior thereto, Lessee shall cause the Car to be transported to NRUC at the place and in the manner provided in Paragraph 18(a). Until the delivery of possession to NRUC pursuant to Paragraph 18(a) or (b), Lessee shall continue to pay

rental at the rate being paid immediately prior to termination of expiration, and Lessee shall, in addition, make all other payments and keep all obligations and undertakings required of Lessee under any and all provisions of this Lease as though such termination or expiration had not occurred.

- 19. <u>Default</u>. The term "event of default" for the purpose hereof shall mean any one or more of the following:
 - (a) non-payment by Lessee, within five (5) days after the same becomes due, of any installment of rental or any other sum required to be paid hereunder by Lessee.
 - (b) the Lessee shall default or fail for a period of thirty (30) days in the due observance or performance of any covenant, condition or agreement required to be observed or performed on its part hereunder.
 - (c) a decree or order shall be entered by a court having jurisdiction in the premises adjudging Lessee a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of Lessee under the Federal Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable Federal or State law, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar

official) of the Lessee or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of sixty (60) days;

- (d) the institution by Lessee of proceedings to be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the institution of any proceedings or to any action taken or proposed to be taken in any proceedings or action described in Paragraph 19(c), or the making by Lessee of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by Lessee in furtherance of any such action.
- 20. <u>Remedies</u>. Upon the happening of an event of default, NRUC, at its option, may:
 - a) proceed by appropriate court action either at law or in equity for specific performance by the Lessee of the applicable covenants of this Lease or to recover from Lessee all damages, including specifically but not exclusively, expenses and attorneys' fees which NRUC may sustain by reason of Lessee's default or on account of NRUC's enforcement

of its remedies hereunder;

- elect only to terminate the Lessee's hight of (b) possession (out not to terminate the Lease) without releasing Lessee in whole or in part from its liabilities and obligations accrued hereunder, or hereafter to accrue for the remaining term of the Lease, and thereupon require Lessee to deliver all such Cars to NRUC at any of its railroads/fleet facilities or to take possession itself, of any or all of the Cars wherever same may be found. NRUC may, but need not, require delivery of the Cars to it or repossess the Cars, but in the event the Cars are delivered to NRUC or are repossessed, NRUC shall use reasonable efforts to relet the same or any part thereof to others at terms as it may see fit. The proceeds of any such reletting shall first be applied to the expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of retaking and reletting of the Cars and delivery to the new lessee and then to the payment of rent due under this Lease.
- 21. Recording of Lease. Prior to the delivery and acceptance of the First Car, NRUC intends, without expense to Lessee, to cause this Lease and any assignment thereof to be filed and recorded with the Interstate Commerce Commission in

accordance with Section 11303 of Title 49 of the United States

Code. Lessee will from time to time do and perform any other act
and will execute, acknowledge, deliver, file, register and record

(and will refile, register or rerecord whenever required) any and
all further instruments required by law or reasonable requested

by NRUC, of its title to the Cars, or for the purpose of carrying

out the intention of this Lease. Except as hereinbefore

provided, Lessee will pay all costs, charges and expenses

incident to the filing, refiling, registering, reregistering,

recording and rerecording of any such further instrument or

incident to the taking of any such other action, and will furnish

to NRUC certificates or other evidence of any such action.

- and all rights and obligations hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina. The terms of this Lease and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto may not be changes or terminated orally, but only by agreement in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of such change or termination is sought.
- 23. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Lease may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same contract, which shall evidence by any such signed counterpart.
- 24. Severability-Waiver. If any term or provision of the Lease or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall to any extent be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Lease of the application of such term or

- provision to persons or direumstances other than those as to which it is invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and each provision of this Lease shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law. Failure of NRUC to exercise any rights hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any such right upon the continuation or recurrence of the situation or continuency giving rise to such right.

25. Terminology. In construing any language contained in this Lease, no reference shall be made and no significance given to paragraph titles, such titles being used only for convenience or reference. Where the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

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- 26. Past Due Rental. Anything to the contrary herein contained not withstanding, any nonpayment of rentals or other sum due hereunder, whether during the period within which a default may be cured or for a longer period, and whether or not deemed a default or violation of this Lease, shall result in the obligation on the part of the Lessee to pay also an amount equal to twelve per cent (12%) per annum (or if such rate may not lawfully be charged, then the highest rate which may lawfully be charged) of the overdue rentals for the period of time during which they are overdue.
- 27. Extension of Lease Purchase Option. Lessee shall have the following option, if not in default hereunder, and upon sixty (60) days notice prior to the expiration of Lease.

 Lessee may purchase each car for five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per car at the expiration of the lease term.

28. ASSIGNMENTS Lessee will not sell, sublease,
assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of its rights under this
Lease without first obtaining the written consent of Lesson.

Lessor, reserves the right to approve or disapprove. any sublessee, which in the opinion of the Lessor, (NRUC), cannot guarantee the obligations of the Lessee.

All or any of the rights, benefits and advantages of Lessor under this Lease, including the right to receive the payments herein provided to be made by Lessee, may be assigned by Lessor and reassigned by any assignee at any time or from time to time. No such assignment shall relieve Lessee of any of its obligations hereunder.

In the event of any such transfer or assignment, or successive transfers or assignments by Lessor, of title to the Cars and of Lessor's rights hereunder in respect thereof, Lessee will, at Lessor's expense, whenever requested by such transferee of assignee, change or cause the change of the markings to be maintained on each side of each Car so as to indicate the title of such transferee of assignee to the Cars, such markings to bear words or legend as shall be specified by such transferee or assignee.

filed and recorded with the Interstate Commerce Commission in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 11303. Lessee will, at its expense, from time to time do and perform any other act and will execute, acknowledge, deliver, file, register and record (and will refile, re-register or re-record whenever required) any and all further

instruments required by law or reasonably reduested by Lesson, for the purpose of proper protection, to the satisfaction of counsel for Lesson, of its title to the Cars, or for the purpose of carrying out the intention of this Lease; and Lessee will promptly furnish or cause to be furnished to Lesson certificates or other evidences of such filing, registration or recording.

30. NOTICES. Any notice or demand required or permitted to be given by Lessor or Lessee to the other party shall be deemed to have been given when in writing duly addressed as hereinafter provided and deposited as Certified or Registered Mail, return receipt requested, in the official governmental mail with adequate postage prepaid:

If to the Lesson: NRUC CORPORATION

100 NORTH TWENTIETH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19103 ATTENTION: President

If to the Lessee: SEMINOLE GULF RAILWAY

420 BEDFORD STREET LEXINGTON, MA. 02173

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NRUC and Lessee have duly executed this Lease as of the day and year first above written.

NRUC CORPORATION

A South Carolina Copporation

John A. Mariscotti

President

ATTEST

Ass Secretary

Secretary

SEMINOLE GULF RAILROAD "

A Florida Corporation

Gordon H. Fay

President

EXHIBIT "A"

Serial Numbers of Railroad Boxcars to be leased to Seminole and Gulf Railroad (Lessee) by NRUC Corporation (Lessor). Lease Commencement: January 1, 1989 to Lease Termination: December 31, 1991.

Lease Car Numbers:

SGLR 1001

SGLR 1002

SGLR 1003

Cars delivered to Interchange June 1, 1988.

STATE OF <u>Pennsylvania</u>)
COUNTY OF <u>Philadelphia</u>)

On this ______ day of ______, 1989 before me, personally appeared ______ John A. Mariscotti _______, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn says that he is the _______ President _______, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was a free act and deed of said corporation.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4-14-1918

BARBARA ANN RASTETTER Notary Public Phila Phila Co. My Commission Expires April 14, 1990

STATE OF Florida)
COUNTY OF Lee)

On this 6 day of March, 1989 before me, personally appeared Gordon H. Fay, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn says that he is the President that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was a free act and deed of said corporation.

Notary Public

Notary Public
State of Florida at Large
Commission Expires Mar. 2, 199

My Commission Expires:

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EXHIBIT "B"

Serial Numbers of Railroad Boxcars to be leased to Seminole and Gulf Railroad (Lessee) by NRUC Corporation (Lessor). Lease Commencement: January 1, 1989 to Lease Termination: December 31, 1991.

Lease Car Numbers:

SGLR 1004

SGLR 1005

SGLR 1006

Cars delivered December 16, 1988.